AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-79 : (Canceled)

Claim 80 : (New) A method of reducing a cost of transmitting data from a mobile data collection terminal to a remote host over a communications network having a plurality of channels including a wireless channel, comprising the steps of:

a) supporting a digital camera on the terminal;

b) operating the camera to capture an image;

c) determining a geographic location of the terminal relative to the host by operation of a global positioning system;

d) determining the cost of transmitting the data, including the image, from the geographic location of the terminal over each channel to the host;

e) selecting the channel for data and image transmission based on the geographic location of the terminal and the cost determined to be least; and

f) transmitting the data and image from the terminal to the host over the channel selected with the least cost.

Claim 81 : (New) The method of claim 80, and the step of determining a priority for the data and the image, and wherein the selecting step is also based on the priority of the data and the image.

Claim 82 : (New) The method of claim 80, wherein the image is a bar code symbol.